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**AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE ON PROJECT AQUATONE (ARC)**

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 328  
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency  
at 10:00 a.m., 8 May 1957

James O. Reber  
Chairman

**P R E S E N T**

Col. William A. Dodds, OACSI  
Col. Erwin F. Forsythe, OACSI  
Comdr. Victor A. Molteret, ONI  
Major Donald Conroy, USMC  
Col. James H. Macia, Jr., AFOPN

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Re-examination of Need for [ ] Mission

1. The members agreed that the following advice should be provided the Project AQUATONE with regard to Middle East requirements:

The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee continues to attach greater priority of importance to targets set forth in lists approved by it covering Western USSR and the Far East as compared to the Middle East. Within the Middle East, and because of the long interval since the last coverage of Egypt and because of rumored buildup at certain key points through Soviet aid, the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee recommends that coverage of Egypt be undertaken as soon as feasible. In equating the extent of importance, it is not believed from available sources that this alleged buildup portends an imminent new move by Egypt in the Middle East situation, but accurate information obtainable by AQUATONE means could be extremely useful in estimating possible future Egyptian moves.

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Proposed Additions to Highest Priority Target List

2. It was the view of the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee that the OCI recommendations for the inclusion of NOVOKAZALINSK/DZHUSALY Area/KYZL ORDA, UKRAINA, and SOVETSKAYA GAVAN Airfield should be transmitted to AQUATONE for guidance in Far East planning ranking higher than all "High Priority Targets" but less than the "Highest Priority Targets".

Targets for Use in Connection with the C Configuration

5. On the basis of the exhibit recently held by HTAUTOMAT showing comparisons of C configuration photography with B and A-2, the Committee reaffirmed its feeling that the C configuration should be used only on targets hitherto subjected to either B or A-2 photography. The Chairman will explore with Operations what C configuration targets it finds essential for training purposes in view of the present state of permission for conducting operations.

Activation of 

6. The Air Force representative noted that upon receipt of Far East photography in the ZI it would be desirable for a dupe to be sent to the Far East Theatre for reproduction of such materials as were required by the various theatre commands. Accordingly, he proposed that  be activated for this purpose, recognizing that if at a later date it was deemed desirable to process original film at  this could be readily accomplished. It was suggested that during this period it might be valuable for a technician from HTAUTOMAT to proceed to  to examine the technical capabilities of the facility for handling AQUATONE product.

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7. The Chairman requested the Air Force representative to submit the Air Force proposal for activation of [ ] for the purpose noted above to the Agency for concurrence.

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9. The Chairman said that a letter would be sent to each of the intelligence chiefs informing them of this plan and soliciting their assistance to make an inspection possible.

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[ ] JAMES Q. KEEFER  
Chairman

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